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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 3731**

**PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 127.0005-00000  
Customer No. 22882**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	Confirmation No.: 7246
John I. Shipp	)	
Serial No.: 10/706,715	)	Group Art Unit: 3731
Filed: November 12, 2003	)	Examiner: Kathleen C. Sonnett
For: SURGICAL LIGATION CLIP	)	

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Final Office Action of December 12, 2007, the period for reply having been extended by a request for extension of time and fee filed herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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